
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: KINNEY
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS
DATE 12/5/02
CC: BOYD

(NOTE: These are preliminary ideas. We can flesh out ones we want to give serious consideration. As to a huge education hit, I think the tuition free community college or the tuition free for foster care children would be our best bet.)

Tuition free community college
Early childhood (we need to wait to see what Kagan assessment finds/recommends)
Mississippi Brain Trust
Faculty salaries at universities
Constitutional amendment for 62% of general funds to be dedicated to education
Teacher advisory council
Education roundtable (education, government, corporate) to advise Governor
School choice to comply with NCLB requirements
Teacher car tag (*passed a few years ago, but never implemented*)
School report card provided to parents (*in progress at MDE*)
Principals' leadership program to address critical need for new principals and superintendents
School building: technology labs in every school; \$___ million over next ___ years to ensure access to technology
Smaller K-3 class size
Specialized instruction in smaller classes to 5-7 students who are determined to be performing below grade level
School counselors – reduce counselor/student ratio
Identify funding for the legislature's unfunded mentor teachers mandate (mentor teacher will receive \$___ and school receives \$___ to support the mentor and the new teacher)
P-16/K-20 education system
Parental Involvement Program – create regional offices to provide training for parents in school districts. Program strives to improve student performance in the classroom by increasing the parents' role as partners.
Waive tuition and mandatory student fees for a child who is 18 years of age, a full-time student and was adopted or in foster care upon school entry. Require an eligible student to meet all entrance requirements for the postsecondary institution and maintain academic eligibility while enrolled.

